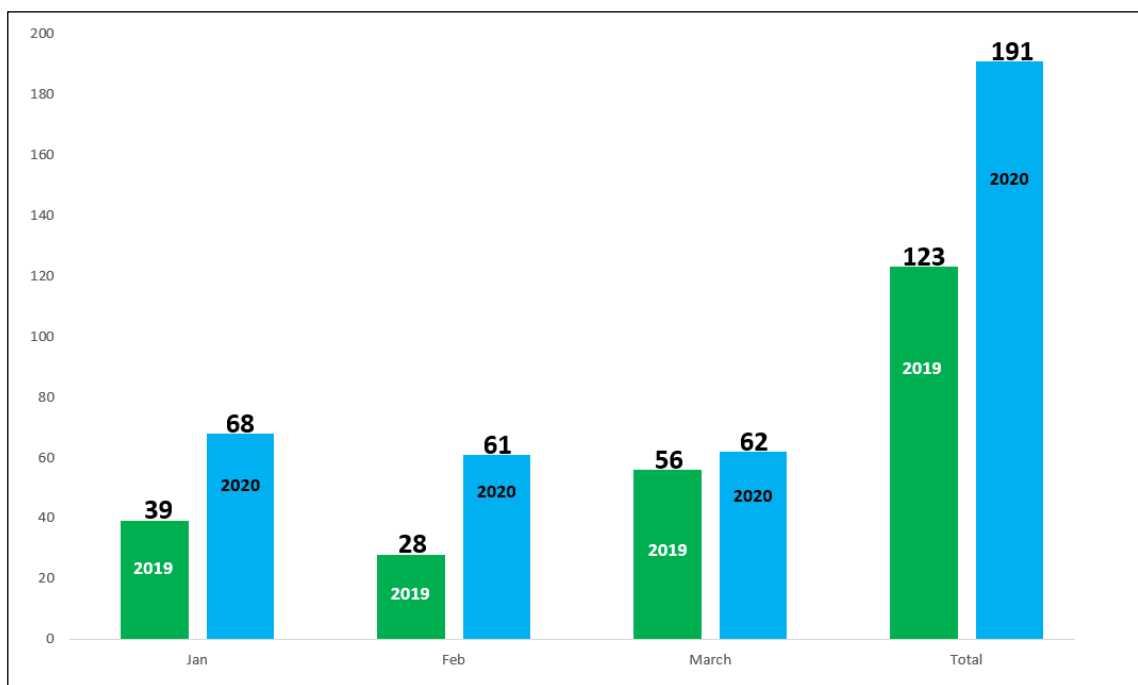




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191 cases of apparent and suspected drug overdoses were reported to the Franklin County Coroner's Office in the first quarter of 2020. This is a 55.3% (68) increase over the same time period in 2019.



There was a 74.4% increase in drug overdose deaths from January 2020 as compared to January 2019. Followed by 117.9% increase year over year for February 2020 versus February 2019 and a 10.7% increase from March 2020 versus March 2019.

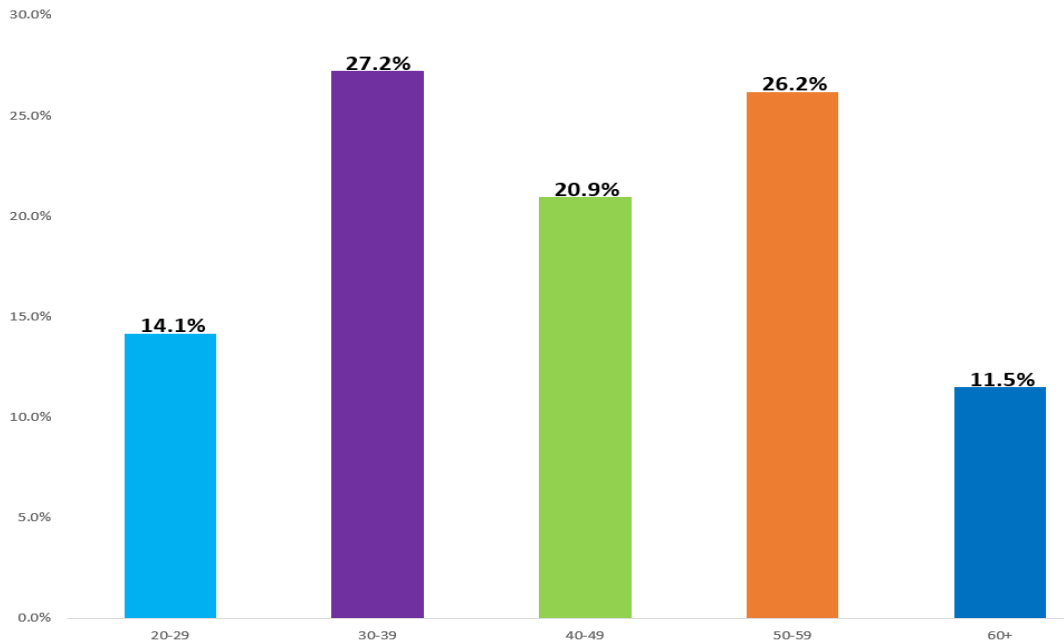
Sources of data collection for each of the 191 deaths included the individual electronic case file and available supplemental reports. The standard case file was composed of a call synopsis, autopsy report, coroner report, police report, and an EMS run sheet. Where available, scene photography, scene narratives, toxicology reports, and medical records were also used to supplement the somewhat limited information initially supplied to the office in the call report.

The Franklin County Coroner's Office employs a small numbers policy where case counts less than 5 will not be reported for confidentiality purposes. This policy is in place to protect both the decedent's and their families information.



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1. Age

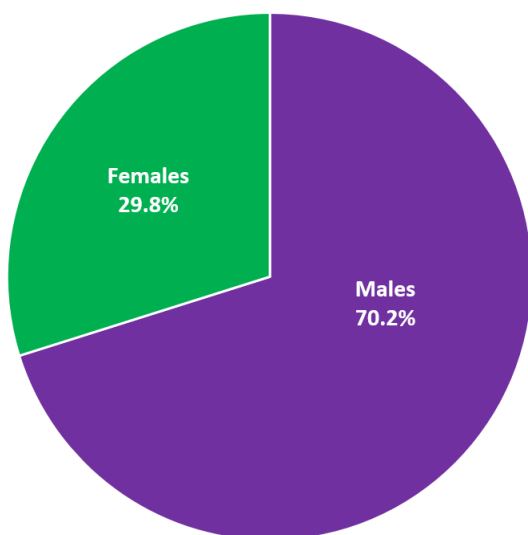


Drug Overdose deaths were reported across all age groups. One in four, 27.2% (52) and 26.2% (50) occurred in individuals aged 30-39 and 50-59, respectively. This was followed by those aged 40-49, 20-29, and 60+ with 20.9% (40), 14.1% (27) and 11.5% (22) of the drug overdose deaths reported in 2020, respectively.



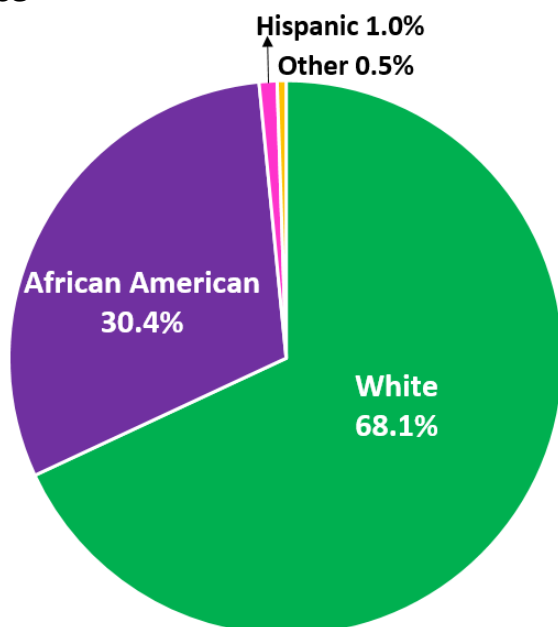
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2. Gender



Taking a look at gender, nearly four out of every five drug overdose deaths in Franklin County during the first quarter of 2020 was a male. 65% (87) of these males were white. 55.2% (74) were never married while 27.6% (37) were divorced and 12.7% (17) were married. 70.1% (94) were between the ages of 25 years old and 54 years old, with 26.1% (35) in the 45-54 year old age range. For female victims of drug overdoses, 75.4% (43) were between the ages of 25-54 years with 35% (20) in the 35-44 age and 22.8% (13) in the 25-34 age group. 21.0% (12) of female victims were divorced, while 19.2% (11) were married and 12.3% (7) were widowed.

3. Race

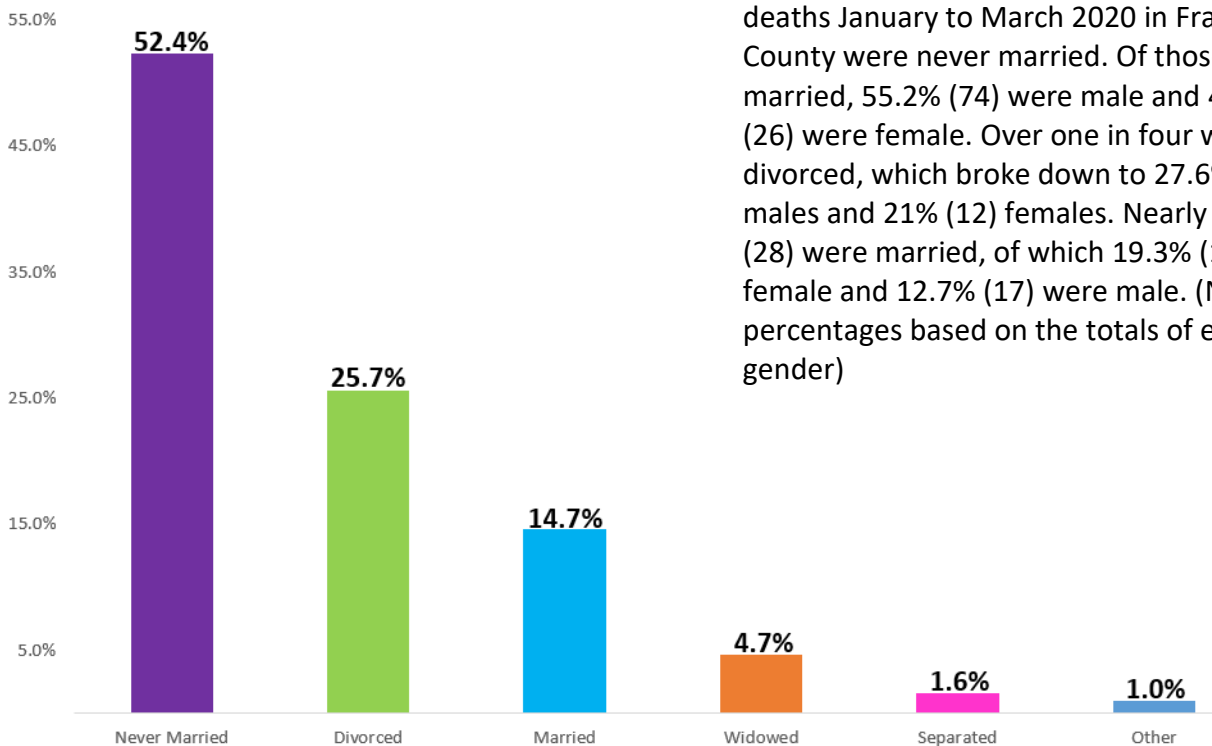


More than two in three of the drug overdose death victims in Franklin County for 1st quarter 2020 were white, and 26.2% (34) fell between the ages of 45-54. Additionally 22.3% (29) fell between the ages of 25-34 as did those aged 35-44 and 21.5% (28) between the ages of 55-64 years old. African Americans comprised 30.4% (58) of the drug overdose death victims in Franklin County for the first quarter of 2020, with 31% (18) between the ages of 35-44 years old, 25.8% (15) between 25-34 years old and 17.2% (10) fell between 45-54 years of age.



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4. Marital Status



One in two of every victims of drug overdose deaths January to March 2020 in Franklin County were never married. Of those never married, 55.2% (74) were male and 45.6% (26) were female. Over one in four were divorced, which broke down to 27.6% (37) males and 21% (12) females. Nearly 15% (28) were married, of which 19.3% (11) were female and 12.7% (17) were male. (Note: percentages based on the totals of each gender)



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5. Toxicology

For the first quarter of 2020, 70.2% (134) of the drug overdose deaths tested positive for Fentanyl, followed by Cocaine at 41.4% (79), Methamphetamine at 13.6% (26) and Alcohol at 13.1% (25).

Looking at polysubstance use, of those that tested positive for Cocaine, 50.6% (40) also tested positive for Fentanyl. Of those that tested positive for Methamphetamines, 34.6% (9) also tested positive for Fentanyl. Additionally, of those testing positive for Methamphetamines, 23.1% (6) also tested positive for Fentanyl and Cocaine.

6. Zip Code Analysis

The top 7 zip codes for drug overdose deaths in the first quarter of 2020 were in descending order:

<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>%</u>
43223	10.5%
43207	9.4%
43211	8.9%
43232	6.3%
43206	4.7%
43219	4.7%
43204	4.7%